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America celebrates Martin Luther King's life

The following article was written by the late Coretta Scott King, titled "The Meaning of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example – the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.

We commemorate Dr. King's inspiring words, because his voice and his vision filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles. Yet, Dr. King knew that it wasn't enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible. And so we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day, the man who braved threats and jail and beatings and who ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all Americans.

The King holiday honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society, but who also lead a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality.

On this day, we commemorate Dr. King's great dream of a vibrant, multiracial nation united in justice, peace and reconciliation; a nation that has a place at the table for children of every race and room at the inn for every needy child. We are called on this holiday, not merely to honor, but to celebrate the values of equality, tolerance and interracial sister and brotherhood he so compellingly expressed in his great dream for America.

It is a day of interracial and intercultural cooperation and sharing. No other day of the year brings so many peoples from different cultural backgrounds together in such a vibrant spirit of brother and sisterhood. Whether you are African-American, Hispanic or Native American, whether you are Caucasian or Asian-American, you are part of the great dream Martin Luther King, Jr. had for America. This is not a black holiday; it is a peoples' holiday. And it is the young people of all races and religions who hold the keys to the fulfillment of his dream.

We commemorate on this holiday the ecumenical leader and visionary who embraced the unity of all faiths in love and truth. And though we take patriotic pride that Dr. King was an American, on this holiday we must also commemorate the global leader who inspired nonviolent liberation movements around the world. Indeed, on this day, programs commemorating my husband's birthday are being observed in more than 100 nations.

The King holiday celebrates Dr. King's global vision of the world house,

a world whose people and nations had triumphed over poverty, racism, war and violence. The holiday celebrates his vision of ecumenical solidarity, his insistence that all faiths had something meaningful to contribute to building the beloved community.

The holiday commemorates America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence – the man who taught by his example that nonviolent action is the most powerful, revolutionary force for social change available to oppressed people in their struggles for liberation.

This holiday honors the courage of a

man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings. We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Every King holiday has been a national "teach-in" on the values of nonviolence, including unconditional love, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation, which are so desperately-needed to unify America. It is a day of

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Martin Luther King Jr. addresses a crowd from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the Aug. 28, 1963, march in Washington, D.C. *File photo*

Transformation Challenge hits depot in new year

BY SGT. JAMES GREEN
Chevron staff

As the years go by, each new year seems to come with its own fitness frenzy. A new diet, workout machine or miracle drugs seem to be the most common.

This year, however, the Fieldhouse gym staff has found a new solution to the New Year's resolution shared by so many depot personnel, their families and Department of Defense employees. January 1, brought forth the beginning of the Transformation Challenge.

The Transformation Challenge involves five-person teams, including a team captain, who work together toward a common goal. Whether that goal is to develop healthy habits, gain confidence, burn fat or gain muscle, the Fieldhouse staff is prepared to help teams reach those goals.

The team receives an initial fitness assessment which includes body fat and circumference measurements, a nutrition and workout plans, and before and after pictures.

Ron Rivera, personal trainer
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Recruits of Platoon 3251, Company L, try on their issue of the new Marine Corps running suits Jan. 9 at depot clothing. These recruits are the first to be issued the running suits to coincide with Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Marines of Headquarters and Service Battalion are slated to receive the new running suits in February.
Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron

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Suicide prevention: A community task

BY LAURA TEXIER
Installation Suicide Prevention Coordinator

On the battlefield or at home, suicide does not discriminate. Everyone is at risk. According to usmc-mccs.org, suicide is the third leading cause of death in the Marine Corps behind accidents and death by hostile action. The Marine Corps views suicide prevention as the responsibility of the entire Marine Corps community. The tragic deaths and other, non-fatal suicidal behavior, often occur in association with largely preventable stressors such as relationship problems, alcohol abuse and depression. You can make a difference in the life of someone who might be at risk for suicide.

What are the suicide risk factors?

- Relationship problems

- Legal or Work problems
- Family history of suicide
- Alcohol or drug use
- History of physical or sexual abuse
- Social isolation
- Physical illness
- Depression
- Past suicide attempt
- History of violence
- Unwillingness to seek help
- Access to means to kill oneself

What are the warning signs?

- Talking about dying
- Preparing to die (giving away belongings, saying goodbye to family and friends)
- Looking for ways to die
- Change in personality or emotions, behaviors, sleep patterns, or eating habits

- Low self-esteem
- No hope for the future

What can I do?

- Ask open-ended questions (i.e. How are things going?)
- Lend support/be willing to listen
- Share your concerns for their well-being
- Remove weapons, pills, or rope
- Do not leave the Marine alone
- Seek professional help right away

The most important thing to do if you are concerned or recognize warning signs is to take action. If a buddy is suicidal you may not get a second chance to save a life. Never leave a Marine behind. MCRD/WRR have appointed suicide prevention coordinators at every command and through your chaplains.

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and supervisor at the Fieldhouse gym said the challenge is open to anyone as long as they have a five-person team. His intent is to get unit commanders involved to help pass word about healthy living. Rivera works directly with the team captain to design work-out plans as the team’s needs change throughout the three-month program. Once a week, Rivera will put the teams through a fit camp that boosts the metabolic process, builds endurance and works out the upper and lower body.

Team captains for each team are responsible for ensuring the members of their team keep food and activity logs so Rivera can make modifications to meet the participants’ desired results. “I think as a team they will put forth more effort,” said Rivera, an Oxnard, Calif., native. “Now they are not only held accountable by their trainer, but also to each other.” While everyone has their own reason for signing up for the challenge, Kelly Williamson, Recruit Training Regiments’ assistant career retention specialist, said her reason

had to do with past experiences. “I was heavy before and I found a support group on base that helped me lose weight,” said Williamson. “It’s a lot easier when you are not doing it alone. Support helps you stay on track.” Williamson said everyone in her office is always talking about a new diet they are trying or how they want to lose weight so the transformation challenge sounded like the perfect event they could all do together. Registration for the Transformation Challenge ends today. For more information, call Ron Rivera at

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intensive education and training in Martin’s philosophy and methods of nonviolent social change and conflict-reconciliation. The Holiday provides a unique opportunity to teach young people to fight evil, not people, to get in the habit of asking themselves, “what is the most loving way I can resolve this conflict?” On the King holiday, young people learn about the power of unconditional love even for one’s adversaries as a way to fight injustice and defuse violent disputes. It is a time to show them the power of forgiveness in the healing process at the interpersonal as well as international levels. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all a day of service. All across America on the Holiday, his followers perform service in hospitals and shelters and prisons and wherever people need some help. It is a day of volunteering to feed the hungry, rehabilitate housing,

tutoring those who can’t read, mentoring at-risk youngsters, consoling the broken-hearted and a thousand other projects for building the beloved community of his dream. Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we “will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. Life’s most persistent and nagging question, he said, is ‘what are you doing for others?’” He would quote Mark 9:35, the scripture in which Jesus of Nazareth tells James and John “...whosoever will be great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever among you will be the first shall be the servant of all.” When Martin talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, Feb. 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life. “I’d like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others,” he said. “I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life...to love and serve humanity.

BRIEFS

Stalking awareness brief

A stalking awareness brief for National Stalking Awareness Month will be offered Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the FAP classroom? The program will include definitions of stalking, safety planning and more. For registration, call (619) 524-1200.

Military testing offered

Recruit Administration Branch offers the Defense Language Proficiency Test, Defense Language Aptitude Battery, and Armed Forces Classification Test to active and reserve military members. Contact Shaba Rahmani at (619) 524-6123 to schedule an appointment.

Three-week college prep classes offered

Armed Forces Classification Test and three-week college prep classes are offered at Camp Pendleton and Naval Station 32nd Street. For enrollment and schedules at Camp Pendleton, call (760) 725-6660, and (619) 556-4922 at 32nd NAVSTA.

Career and Education Fair

A Career and Education Fair will be presented by Marine and Family Services, Bldg. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 11. Employment and educational opportunities will be offered. For assistance in preparing a resume, call Mina Threat at (619) 524-1283/8440.

Volunteers needed

Marine Corps Community Services televises “What’s Happening at MCCS,” a weekly segment on upcoming events throughout the depot and is looking for volunteers to narrate. Candidates can be military, DoD, and dependants aboard the depot. The taping takes 30 minutes to read the upcoming events off of a written script. For information, e-mail Rachel Landolt, MCCS Coordinator, at landoltrr@usmc-mccs.org.

Bingo!

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Recreation Center will offer bingo night every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. proceeds will benefit youth programs at MCRD. Patrons have a chance to win \$5,000. Bingo is open to all eligible patrons and their guests. For information, call Rachel Landolt at (619) 524-8914.

Semper Fit Strolling

Semper Fit Strolling classes are open to authorized depot personnel Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For information, call (619) 524-4427 or (619) 524-8465.

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Educators observe as recruits demonstrate the various takedowns that they learn during the tan belt portion of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program at the MCMAP pit outside the swim tank here on Jan. 13. The educators also witnessed recruits run through the Confidence Course and Bayonet Assault Course. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*

9th MCD educators gain insight on Marine Corps recruit training

BY CPL. CARRIE C. RUIZ
Chevron staff

High school administrators, teachers, counselors and reporters from Recruiting Stations Milwaukee and St. Louis participated in a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today.

"The purpose of the Educators Workshop is to give educators who don't have knowledge of the Marine Corps and understanding of what we do," said Staff Sgt. Charles Steck, recruiter at RS Milwaukee.

The educators began their first day aboard the depot by being greeted the same way every new recruits is.

When the bus screeched to a halt in front of the infamous yellow footprints, drill instructors quickly bombarded the vehicles and made their intimidating presence known to the educators.

After yelling for the educators to debark the bus and line up on the yellow footprints, the drill instructors paced up and down the line barking orders.

"The yellow footprints were a very memorable experience," said Jennifer Snethen, in-school suspension teacher at Affton High School, St. Louis. "I have a military background so I wasn't shocked at how we were greeted, but I think that this is a good way to introduce new recruits to the Corps."

The educators also attended classroom briefs describing the entire enlistment process, including recruiting, joining the Marine

Corps, boot camp graduation, and the Fleet Marine Force, and informed the educators about Marines' lifestyles.

"My favorite part of the day was lunch with the recruits. It was an honor to speak with them," said Snethen. "I sat with a recruit who had broken his leg and been dropped to another company. It pulled at my heart strings to hear how much being a Marine meant for him despite his setback."

Educators were invited at the end of the first day to take part in the Bayonet Assault Course on the depot. They maneuvered through obstacles, crawled through tunnels and carried rubber M16A2 service rifles while suited in flak jackets and Kevlar helmets.

"I loved running through the Bayonet Assault Course and was surprised at how difficult it was," said Jim Schissel, teacher at Washington Park High School, Racine, Wis. "It was a sobering perspective of what the service members go through and gave me a newfound appreciation for all they do."

The educators also visited Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to witness weapons firing and field training.

"The educators who came here knowing very little about the military have already learned quite a bit of knowledge," said Steck. "They have been having a great time, and I have been getting nothing but positive feedback."

Educators leaving the depot today said that they have a better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young men and women who embody it.



After attacking a dummy with his bayonet, Jim Schissel, teacher at Washington Park High School, Racine, Wis., runs to the next obstacle on the depot's Bayonet Assault Course, Jan. 13. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*

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Company C Recruit Jonathan A. Petrowicz, Platoon 1047, yells the command “up,” signaling the rest of the recruits to execute a push up at one exercise station outside the body sparring ring at Weapons and Field Training Center. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



With a bloody nose, Recruit Jacob A. Rinker, Platoon 1047, walks away from the ring after a tough minute of body sparring. Although no headshots are allowed, they occasionally happen as a result of the recruit's intensity. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



Recruit Dustin L. O'Kelley, Platoon 1047, waits for his turn to spar. He is properly fatigued for a challenging fight. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



Training Battalion Jan. 6.

to spar as he engages in calisthenics to ensure
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Recruits Adam A. Permann, right, and Erick Ramirez, Platoon 1047, exchange blows during their time in the sparring ring Jan. 6. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



Company C recruits line up with their hands behind their heads awaiting the order "down" from their drill instructor before conducting a squat. This helps build realistic combat fatigue levels to ensure that every recruit who fights would struggle and push past their limits. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron

Sparring teaches recruits to never give up

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL MATTHEW BROWN
Chevron staff

During boot camp, recruits are constantly tested by their drill instructors, obstacles or tasks at hand. An obstacle may not always be something as tangible as taking a hill with a heavy backpack. It can be a recruit's own pre-set limitations blocking his potential.

The recruits of Company C were given a chance to identify and defeat their preset limitations during the body sparring portion of the Crucible, the 54-hour challenge meant to complete the transformation into a Marine.

"A lot of these kids have never been in a sparring match, let alone a fight," said Sgt. Brian L. Fisher, Platoon 1046 drill instructor. "You can hear the ones that have never fought before when they beat their opponent. Their war cry has a little more motivation than usual."

Many recruits will not only be sparring for the first time in their lives, they will be doing so after already being fatigued, hungry and stressed from the Crucible. The sparring event is broken into several Marine Corps Martial Arts and exercise stations surrounding the ring where they spar. If a recruit isn't sparring or preparing to spar, he is busy on one of the exercise to ensure he has the proper fatigue level for a complete Crucible experience.

"They don't come here with any technique," said Staff Sgt. Brian A. Woodruff, senior drill instructor of Platoon 1047. "They're exhausted and this is just one more thing that teaches a recruit to keep going."

Body sparring isn't just another workout. Like most events in the Crucible, it incorporates at least one or more of our core values of honor, courage and commitment.

"It takes honor and courage to stand toe to toe with another man who they know could beat them," said Fisher. "The recruits really have to commit if they want to have any chance of coming out on top."

Fisher also said the recruits come out of the ring with a little added confidence in themselves and knowledge of what they are capable of doing.

"The recruits discover fear can be either their best friend or their worst enemy depending on how they react to it," said Woodruff. "You are not going to know what you're made of or what you're capable of doing until you put these gloves on."

Although this proving ground may not be the largest obstacle recruits face during boot camp, it is one of the most anticipated.

Mental and physical tests like body sparring, the Reaper hike and the confidence chamber are what make Marine Corps recruit training one of the most renown in the world. Different recruits may have varying experiences here, but nearly every recruit leaves with a stronger knowledge of himself and his potential, said Fisher.

Russian native overcomes troubled past

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT

Chevron staff

In the midst of a harsh Russian winter, a 4-year-old boy tightly holds hands with his one-year-old and five-year-old sisters. They cross rooftops and busy streets in search for

a warm place to stay, perhaps even eat. The three children find a dumpster and eat scraps as their only means of survival.

Pfc. Aden V. Snow, Platoon 1046, Company C, recalled his struggle to survive on the streets for a few years while growing up in Russia, with his sisters and concluded that

almost any obstacle can be overcome.

“We often resorted to eating leaves and rice, and sleeping on the streets or staying in the lobbies of motels for a couple hours to avoid both the cold and the abuse at home,” said Snow.

During the time his father served in the Russian military, he treated the family very well.

“He would come home every few months and spend a lot of time with us,” said Snow. He was a good father. I remember one time he had two months off and we went on a boat and played in the water.”

But when his father left the military, he became dependent on drugs and alcohol, he added.

“During my father’s violent intoxicated rage, he would brutally beat my sisters and mother,” said Snow. “He would not touch me because in Russian culture, a father values his son because we carry their name, but I remember screaming and crying for hours because I had to watch.”

When Snow was six-years-old, he and his siblings were rescued by a foster agency which began processing the children into an orphanage. He was separated from his sisters for a year during this, but happily reunited with them at the orphanage.

“They remembered everything we went through together; it was really good to see them again,” said Snow. Snow’s life began to take a progressive turn through tutoring in the orphanage’s education program and testing for further education.

Each year, the orphans were

tested to see if they qualified to leave the orphanage and begin a better education at a public or private school. Of 250 children, six were chosen. Snow was included because he had a natural ability in mathematics.

Shortly after beginning school, Snow and his sisters were adopted by an American family, and they moved to Thousand Oaks and Newberry Park, Calif.

He had only a few months to learn some English, and then was placed into an English-speaking school, where he took English classes on the side, he said.

“I learned English in a year-and-a-half,” said Snow. After school, Snow tapped into a passion for soccer by joining a local soccer team. He later received an offer to play semi-professionally. “Playing soccer helped me keep my sanity, and it felt really good to know I was good at something,” said Snow.

The Snow family did a lot of missionary work, and he happily helped.

“It was fun traveling to different countries and helping people, I felt like I was humbling myself,” he said.

On one missionary trip, they went back to Russia, and 16-year-old Snow was nostalgic of his old life. “For a couple of hours, I saw all my old friends and this girl I was madly in love with,” said Snow.

Although it was nice to see them, he felt guilty for knowing he had a much better life than them; it gave him a much better appreciation for his life, he said.

But when his adopted father was killed in a car accident, he remembered what it was like not to have a father all over again.

He dealt with his grief by delving into his hobbies, including playing soccer more and surfing. Later, Snow decided he wanted to do something great, travel the world and go to college, but he knew this was expensive.

“I wanted to do something good for myself because in the past I have been very aggressive and just naturally have a lot of energy, so I thought the Marine Corps would level that out,” he said.

“Snow has come a long way throughout boot camp,” said Sgt. Brian L. Fisher, drill instructor, Platoon 1046, Company C. “His motivation and enthusiasm increased, as well as his eagerness to learn and do things.

Once Snow realizes he can do something, nothing will stop him from reaching his full potential, continued Fisher.

“It is apparent he can go through a lot and still stay strong,” Fisher said. “He has a higher tolerance for struggle, probably because of everything he has been through.”

The 19-year-old will serve in the military occupational specialty of infantry. He plans to obtain a bachelor’s degree in accounting or religious studies during his enlistment to increase his communication skills and become a strong leader.

Snow said that all he wants is to do good things for the Marine Corps.



Pfc. Aden V. Snow, Platoon 1046, Company C, tightens his protective gloves before engaging in body sparring Jan. 6 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Gen. Joseph P. Hoar

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Gen. Joseph P. Hoar was born on Dec. 30, 1934, in Boston. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1957, after graduating from Tufts University, in Medford, Mass. After completing The Basic School, Quantico, Va., his first assignment was as a rifle platoon commander in the 5th Marine Division. He served subsequently in 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and on Okinawa as a battalion staff officer.

His first non-Fleet Marine Force assignment was at Marine Barracks, Yorktown, Va. Barracks assignments included platoon commander and guard company commander. After a short tour at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., as assistant Manpower, Personnel and Administration officer, he reported to the 2nd Marine Division. He commanded Company M, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, and served as a battalion and brigade advisor with the Vietnamese Marines.

On returning to the United States, he reported to Headquarters Marine

Corps, Washington, D.C. During his three-year tour, he served in operations and as special assistant to the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

In 1971, he returned overseas where he was the executive officer of 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Division. From 1972 to 1976, Gen. Hoar was assigned as an instructor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College; then returned to HQMC for duty in the Personnel Management Division.

Gen. Hoar returned to the 1st Marine Division in 1977 and commanded 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Relinquishing command of the battalion, he was reassigned briefly to the division staff, and during this time, was promoted to colonel. In 1979, Gen. Hoar once again returned to the 1st Marines. He commanded the regiment until April 1981. He then joined the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit and took command on board the USS Belau Wood in Freemantle, Australia, in June 1981. During the following year, the Marine Amphibious Unit participated in three Indian Ocean deployments.

Upon returning to the U. S., Gen. Hoar was assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif.,

as the assistant chief of staff, Manpower, Personnel and Administration. While serving in this capacity, he was selected in February 1984 for promotion to brigadier general, and was subsequently assigned duty as the assistant division commander, 2nd Marine Division. The next year he was ordered to Washington, D.C., as the director, Facilities and Services Division, Installations and Logistics Department, HQMC. He served in this capacity until ordered to Parris Island, S.C., in March 1987 as the commanding general, MCRD Parris Island and Eastern Recruiting Region. He was advanced to major general later that year. In the fall of 1988, he reported to the commander in chief, U. S. Central Command and assumed duties as the chief of staff. He returned to HQMC for duties as the deputy chief of staff for Plans, Policies and Operations in June 1990, was appointed to the grade of lieutenant general on July 1, 1990, and served in that capacity for one year. Gen. Hoar served as the commander in chief, CENTCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., until his retirement in 1994.

Gen. Hoar has a masters degree from George Washington University

and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College.

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with bronze oakleaf cluster; Distinguished Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal with combat “V” and gold star; the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star and ten foreign decorations.



							
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Pvt. R. Camacho
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Pvt. V. A. Carter
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Pvt. A. P. Cunningham
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Pvt. D. R. Hamby
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Pfc. R. R. Ibanez
Pvt. A. C. James Jr.
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“I have a Dream”

DELIVERED ON THE STEPS AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 28, 1963

On Monday, Americans will pause to reflect on the life and legacy of one of our nation's greatest leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In remembrance of Dr. King's passion, his virtue, and his contributions to the advancement of American liberty, we salute a true American hero. These are his words, spoken with an eloquence and fervor that resonates in the hearts and minds of all lovers of peace and freedom who bathe in the vibrant glow of an America united.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free.

One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land.

So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition. In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked “insufficient funds.” But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.

So we have come to cash this check - a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity

to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights.

The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges. But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, “When will you be satisfied?” We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the

difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, “My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.” And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snow capped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”